

Village of Cold Spring
Board of Trustees Workshop

May 24, 2016

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring held a workshop on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall, 85 Main Street, Cold Spring, NY.

Attending were Mayor David Merandy, Trustees Marie Early, Frances Murphy and Steven Voloto. Trustee Lynn Miller was absent.

Listed on tonight's agenda were **1) Review filming permit materials and 2) Update on Big Bellies**. However, because these reports were to be done by Trustee Lynn Miller, absent from tonight's meeting, these agenda items will be done on Ms. Miller's return. She was unexpectedly called away.

The third item on the agenda, **Approve contract for auditing services**, was tabled until the next meeting with a motion from Trustee Murphy and a second from Trustee Early and a unanimous vote.

Correspondence

An email was received from Paula and Tassos Katsetos of 32 West Street requesting the waiving of the late charges on their water bill as they were out of the country from April 23 until recently and did not receive the bill before they left which means they were not given a month's notice to pay them.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to waive the late charges on the water bill of P. and T. Katsetos of 32 West Street. Trustee Murphy made a second to the motion and the motion carried. However, it was noted by Mayor Merandy that when the new system with online access to water and sewer billing takes effect, there will be no waiving of late charges.

Scott Monroe employee of the Highway Department, requested payment of 80 hours of vacation time in lieu of taking vacation. Trustee Early made a motion to approve Mr. Monroe's request of payment in lieu of time off and with a second from Trustee Murphy and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Village Clerk, Mary Saari requested payment of 112.50 hours of vacation, (3 weeks) in lieu of taking this time off. Mayor Merandy made a motion to approve Ms. Saari's request of payment in lieu of taking time off and with a second from Trustee Early and a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Old Business

Trustee Early reported that the **Main Street project** is moving along as scheduled. This week is primarily clean up on the south side of Main Street. The macadam has been installed and the warning strips have been installed at all of the intersections. They are waiting for top soil to be placed in the tree pits. If time permits they will be doing saw cuts on the north side of Main Street. This (holiday) weekend everything will be pretty much back to normal on the south side of Main Street and then the work will begin on the North side of Main Street.

Trustee Voloto said that the county is looking for a draft resolution from the Village stating that the **Fire Company volunteers** are covered by insurance, thereby excluding the county from liability. Apparently

the CSFC volunteers have always been covered and Trustee Voloto sees no reason to provide a resolution to the county. Trustee Voloto will send the county a letter stating what the coverage is and that he sees no reason for the resolution.

Trustee Early said there was a recommendation from the **parking committee** to reserve the parking spaces on the west side of **Church Street** alongside of the Fire House. She suggested restricting a parking area adjacent to 156 Main Street for fire personnel and to leave the regular parking on the west side of Church Street as is. Mayor Merandy suggested that Trustee Early bring this suggestion to the Parking Committee at their next meeting. Also, Trustee Voloto will bring this to the Fire Company for their input.

The **Parking meter** will be delivered on June 1st for the municipal parking lot. There has not been a scheduled training session for the administrative staff or the police support. We do not yet have a “go live date”. Anthony Phillips, Parking Committee Chair, will speak to Ed Trimble, Highway Department, regarding installing the signs in the municipal lot.

New Business

Jeff Phillips, Chair of the **Recreation Commission**, reported that there are several dead branches on the trees at Mayor’s Park. He received two bids for the removal of the limbs: one at \$1,000 and a second at \$1,700. He requested that the Board accept the bid for service for \$1,000 from Jerry Allen, Philipstown Tree Service, as the limbs pose a very real threat for anyone using the park.

Mayor Merandy made a motion to award the work to Jerry Allen, Philipstown Tree Service, with the \$1,000 bid as requested by Mr. Phillips for the removal of the dead limbs on the trees at Mayor’s Park. Trustee Murphy seconded the motion and the motion carried with a unanimous vote from the board.

Mayor Merandy suggested that the Village hire the law firm of Rodenhausen Chale LLP of Rhinebeck for a second opinion on the Butterfield application before the Planning Board. This firm specializes in land use law. They have sent a letter of engagement for a formal review of the work that has been done so far. The costs for the service would be paid by the Village and not taken out of Mr. Guillaro’s escrow account. Trustee Murphy made a motion to approve Mayor Merandy signing the letter of engagement from the law firm with costs not to exceed \$1,000. Trustee Early made a second to the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion passed.

Mayor Merandy stated that the **attorney bills** were \$2,000 for each of the last two months. He believes that the Village will be in budget.

The **minutes of April 26, 2016** as presented were approved with a motion from Trustee Early. Mayor Merandy made a second to the motion and with a vote of 4-0-0-1, the motion carried. Trustee Murphy abstained as she was absent from the meeting of April 26, 2016.

The **minutes of May 10, 2016** as presented were approved with a motion from Trustee Early. Trustee Murphy made a second to the motion and with a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

The **Bills, batch #3580** in the amount of \$31,332.97, were approved, as presented to the Board, with a motion from Trustee Early and a second from Trustee Murphy. With a unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Michelle Ascolillo has been hired as the part time **Village Accountant** replacing Ellen Mageean. She has begun work this week. Mayor Merandy stated that he would like to thank Trustees Murphy and Early and Village Clerk Mary Saari for putting in additional hours to keep things going.

Michael Mell, secretary of the volunteer boards and committees, will begin **filming the meetings** and uploading them to Youtube after editing with Mr. Gunder. There will be a link to the videos on the Village website.

The **Memorial Day Parade** will be held on May 30, 2016 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the intersections of Lunn Terrace and Main Street. All participants should be on location at 8:30 a.m.

Public Comment

Thomas Wolfe of Church Street made note that there is a problem turning left onto Main Street from Church Street as there is poor visibility looking east for on-coming traffic. It is especially difficult on weekends. He also noted that the traffic comes down Main Street at an excessive speed causing safety issues for pedestrians. He suggested that the police department be made aware of this. Mayor Merandy said he would speak to Officer in Charge, Officer Kane.

Michael Turton questioned the shifting of parking on Furnace Street from the east side to the west side of the street. Trustee Early said that Bradley D. Robertson of 8 Furnace Street was doing an analysis of the parking and it appears that there would be availability for more parking on the west side than the east side of the street.

Mr. Turton also questioned the “editing” of the filming of meetings done for the Planning, Zoning and HDR Boards along with the Code Update Committee by secretary Michael Mell. Trustee Early explained that the filming is done in 25 minute segments. The editing will allow the meetings to be seen with no interruptions putting all the segments together.

Trustee Murphy made a motion to close the May 24, 2016 workshop and with a second from Trustee Early, and a unanimous vote from the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Falloon